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13 February 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. W. PARK ARMSTRONG, JR.,  
Special Assistant, Intelligence  
Department of State

This will acknowledge your letter, dated 7 February 1951,  
enclosing a copy of the Contract of Agreement relative to the  
lease of a [redacted] transoceanic cable  
channel between [redacted]

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Negotiations will be undertaken shortly with the proper  
agency of the United States Government to assure wartime  
allocation of the service referred to herein. Cognizant  
officials of the Central Intelligence Agency will arrange  
with appropriate members of the State Department to assist in  
these negotiations.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MURRAY McCONNELL  
Deputy Director

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Name: [redacted]

Date: 7/25/67

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
Washington

7 February 1951

Dear Mr. McConnel:

The Department of State concurs in the arrangements outlined in your memorandum of October 17, 1950, relative to the lease of a transoceanic cable channel between [redacted]

[redacted] With reference to Paragraph 3, we shall be glad to collaborate in negotiations with the National Security Resources Board toward obtaining assured wartime allocation of this facility.

Although service on a contract basis went into effect November 4, 1950, it was deemed operationally necessary to make use of the cable as of October 19. The cost of the service rendered prior to November 4 is subject to existing tariffs for record communications and the share attributable to the Central Intelligence Agency will be computed in a mutually satisfactory manner.

A copy of the Contract of Agreement referred to above is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

Encl:



Mr. Murray McConnel,  
Executive,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D. C.

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